

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re the Application of

Kenji HAYASHI

Group Art Unit: 2891

Application No.: 10/807,253

Examiner: D. MENZ

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Docket No.: 118942

For: ELECTRO-OPTICAL DEVICE, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME,
AND ELECTRONIC APPARATUS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In reply to the March 10, 2006 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-27 are pending in this application. Claims 1-23 have been withdrawn by the Examiner.

The Office Action rejects claims 24-27 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ottermann (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0193286) in view of Kubota (U.S. Patent No. 6,501,014). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action asserts that the Ottermann device could be modified with the teachings of Kubota, to add Kubota's UV-absorbing layer to the Ottermann device. See Office Action at page 3. Specifically, the Office Action asserts that Ottermann would be modified to add Kubota's UV-absorbing layer over Ottermann's layer 7.

It is respectfully submitted that modifying the Ottermann device by the teachings of Kubato would not result in the electro-optical device recited in independent claim 24. Kubato's UV-absorbing layer is disclosed to be formed on the outside of an article, as shown in Fig. 1. See also col. 7, lines 24-29, and col. 11, lines 4-18. Thus, Kubato discloses only a protective coating, and not a layer that would be inserted internal to the Ottermann device. A person of ordinary skill would therefore not have been motivated to modify the Ottermann device to include the UV-absorbing layer of Kubato within the Ottermann device, or on layer 7 of the Ottermann device.

The Office Action at page 3 asserts that Ottermann at paragraph [0039] explicitly discloses that layer 7 may contain multiple layers for specific properties. However, Ottermann does not teach or suggest that layer 7 has a UV-absorbing function. Ottermann discloses only that layer 7 may have multiple layers with a vitreous structure so as to be a good barrier structure from, for example, gas. See Ottermann at paragraphs [0014] to [0016] and [0036] to [0038]. The multiple layers of Ottermann can have different chemical compositions so that the barrier actions of individual layers can be tailored to specific gases. See Ottermann at paragraph [0039]. However, there is no disclosure in Ottermann of layer 7 having a layer with a property relating to the absorption of UV light (which is acknowledged by the Office Action at page 3). One of ordinary skill would thus not have been motivated to modify layer 7 of the Ottermann device to include a UV absorbing layer within the Ottermann device.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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